Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 06 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 04 Dec 2023 at 11:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Wednesday. High for a change to less cold and unsettled weather from Thursday onwards, but low for daily detail.

Headline for Tuesday 05 Dec 2023: Mainly dry, cold and bright

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

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Weather: Chance of some patchy snow across the Trossachs and eastern Argyll in the early hours, otherwise dry and very cold. Then all ranges will have a dry and cold day with plenty of sunshine. Light winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Some patchy cloud down to 800 metres at first, otherwise most summits will be clear with only small amounts of low cloud. Very good visibility and air clarity from the tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/30 NE	20/26 NE	14/19 NE	7/9 E	5/7 E	4/6 SE	4/6 E	7/10 SE	9/13 SE
900	17/24 NE	16/22 NE	13/17 NE	9/11 E	5/8 E	5/6 SE	5/7 SE	8/11 SE	10/13 SE
600	19/25 NE	15/20 NE	13/17 NE	8/10 NE	3/5 NE	4/5 E	4/6 E	5/7 E	5/9 E
300	9/14 N	8/13 N	5/9 N	3/5 N	3/5 N	3/4 NE	3/5 NE	3/5 E	3/6 E
Glen	6/16 NE	6/15 NE	6/13 NE	3/8 NE	3/7 NE	2/6 NE	4/8 E	3/7 NE	3/8 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-13	-5/-12	-4/-10	-5/-9	-4/-8	-5/-8	-6/-9	-6/-11	-7/-12
900	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-9	-3/-8	-2/-6	-3/-6	-5/-8	-5/-10	-5/-10
600	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-5	-0/-2	-1/-3	-2/-4	-2/-5	-2/-5
300	1/-3	0/-4	-0/-4	-1/-2	1/-1	0/-2	-1/-3	-2/-4	-2/-4
Glen	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2	-1/-3	2/0	-0/-2	-1/-3	-2/-4	-2/-4
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	300m	200m	200m	300m	100m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Wednesday 06 Dec 2023
Weather: Most of the day will be dry but thickening cloud will bring outbreaks of snow from the southwest after dark, this turning persistent and heavy in places in the evening. Parts of southern Lochaber may see only small amounts of snow. Becoming very windy later with drifting snow likely. Snow will turn to rain at lower elevations towards late evening as freezing levels rise.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15 to 25 mph but strengthening by dark to 40 to 50 mph over the summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility for most of the day. Cloud becoming extensive down to 500 to 700 metres as snow extends north after dark. Poor visibility developing in cloud and snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 8 rising to 3 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres rising above summits across western Argyll late evening

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